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1. JOHN EVERINGHAM ARTICLE ON LAOS IN JULY 2 ISSUE OF FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW ALLEGES "A MAJOR U.S. DRUG COMPANY, WHICH CLAIMS TO BE THE WORLD'S LARGEST PURCHASER OF OPIUM FOR MEDICAL REFINEMENT (MALLINCKROOT?), SENT A REPRESENTATIVE TO VIENTIANE IN MAY. THE SUPPLY OF OPIUM, CHEAP AND PLENTIFUL ELECTRICITY AND INEXPENSIVE LABOR, SUGGESTED TO THE VISITING AMERICAN THE PROFITABILITY OF A POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE WITH THE LAO GOVERNMENT TO REFINER LOCAL OPIUM INTO MEDICAL GRADE MORPHINE."

2. REQUEST ANY LIGHT EMBASSY CAN SHED ON ARTICLE'S ALLEGATIONS. KISSINGER

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